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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee of Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for Sonora Square - Housing for the Homeless in the fiscal year 2023 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the Delta Community Developers Corporation, and the project is located at 2 E. Sonora Street and 401 S. El Dorado Street, in Stockton, CA 95203.

Sonora Square will be a 38-unit affordable, permanent supportive housing project consisting of two buildings located at 2 E. Sonora Street and 401 S. El Dorado Street in Stockton, CA. This project is a collaboration with San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services (SJCBS) for an adaptive reuse development, converting a former commercial building and adjacent vacant infill land into 37 one bedroom apartments and one manager's unit. A community room, service coordination, and an on-site resident manager will contribute towards a project that will provide desperately needed affordable, permanent supportive housing for residents of San Joaquin County with serious mental illnesses and who are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness.

Funding this project would be a good use of taxpayer dollars, as it would reduce homelessness and connect homeless individuals with vital support services and resources, while also creating much needed jobs. On any given night, there are over 2,500 homeless individuals in San Joaquin County, of which 26% report psychiatric and/or emotional conditions. Completion of Sonora Square will provide permanent supportive housing with direct services from SJCBS for this population with rental subsidies from the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin. This project will also create construction jobs as well as an onsite manager position and supportive service positions to assist these tenants with their mental health needs.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry McNerney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress